



Hope for Habitat



Greeks join hands to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity project

Sarah Rowland
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Oct. 16, UTM's Habitat for Humanity chapter hopes to begin construction on a new house sponsored by UTM greeks.

"This new project that the students of UTM are working on is very exciting," said Audra Kinsley, UTM's Habitat for Humanity president, adding that it costs \$20,000 to sponsor a house and the greeks have been working toward that goal for the past three years.

John Schommer, chapter treasurer and UTM professor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, said the Greeks made the first \$4,000 donation in spring 2008 and in spring 2010 they made a \$12,000 donation.

Schommer said Josh Ishell, a UTM graduate of spring 2010 and member of Sigma Chi fraternity, was highly involved in getting the sponsorship started.

"He [Josh] attended one of our meetings and thought this would be a great thing for all the greek organizations to be

involved with. I'm pretty sure it was Josh who planted the seed," Schommer said.

However, Louis Ragsdale, UTM coordinator of Greek Life, credited all UTM greek organizations.

"This would not have been possible without the help of all 21 greek organizations. I have been very proud of how the greek community worked together on this project. Their hard work will pay off for not only a very deserving family here in Martin, but also our community," Ragsdale said.

Ragsdale said the sponsorship started as a philanthropy project for Greekfest 2008; it was initially expected to take up to five years to raise the necessary funds for a full sponsorship.

"Thanks to all the greek organizations pulling together to not only raise the majority of the money through Greekfest, but in their own chapters also, we were able to accomplish this goal two years earlier than expected," Ragsdale said.

Richard Helgeson, interim see Habitat page 4

Immigration policy focus of debate

Erica Miller
Pacer Writer

New immigration laws in Arizona cite illegal immigration as a state crime and a recent debate on the topic of U.S. immigration policy gave UTM faculty and students a chance to voice their opinions on Arizona's new laws.

Moderators Dr. Dan McDonough, UTM History and Philosophy professor, and Dr. Mike McCullough, professor of Management, Marketing, Computer Science and Information Systems, introduced the topic at the Sept. 21 debate. Political Science major Phillip Masengill took the side in opposition to the Arizona legislation, and Political Science major Sean Boers represented the approval side.

The Arizona legislation states that illegal residents can no longer seek employment in the state, and state and local authorities have the right to stop and check the immigration status of anyone suspected of illegal residence.

"There is a lot of cause for concern about illegal immigrants. They do create a burden on the American taxpayer. They do take services that are paid for by American tax dollars, mostly by income tax — something that they cannot legally pay. What this amendment would do would basically stop that burden," Boers said.

A discussion started on whether an addition, in the form of limiting immigration, to an amendment is constitutional, or whether an entirely new amendment would need to be written.

"It would seem, if this is how the amendment is written, then we have to change that amendment. We can't just throw in a sidebar about what conversations took place. We would have to go in and change that amendment," said Dr. Heidi Huse, an assistant professor of English.

The focus shifted to the 14th Amendment, and how see Immigration page 4

Campus raccoons get collared

Danny Warren
Editorial Asst.

"Through the years there have been accounts of raccoon sightings on the UTM campus. They typically just scurry along and then, to the student, they are out of sight and out of mind.

But where do the raccoons scurry away to when they head in the opposite direction?

Dr. Eric Pelren, a professor in the Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources department, is conducting a study on the raccoons. By using radio-transmitting collars on 12 local raccoons, Pelren can monitor the activities of the

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Davin Parker

Wildlife Biology Student

raccoons when they are not running from students.

"The transmitters will last for a while, which may give us time to answer several questions, such as how animals are accessing buildings on campus; their degree of interaction and potential disease transfer

with other species; use of composting, aquaculture, and agriculture facilities; and movement in relation to large crowd events," Pelren said.

However, Pelren does not work alone. Dr. Jason Roberts, a veterinarian, as well as a few students are involved in the study. Two to three students are also currently working on the research aspect of the study.

"I am using my background in animal health to study the health of the raccoons and possible disease transmission with other species while at the same time insuring the safety of the animals," Roberts said.

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A raccoon gets a radio-transmitting collar so its movement can be monitored (Pacer Photos/Danny Warren)

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Editorial: Much ado about UTM

As college students, we've become accustomed to the daily discussion on the falling value of an undergraduate degree, the possibility of the defunding of public education in the state and gradual increases in tuition. Throw in a crappy job market and you've got a one-way ticket to getting a job you could have gotten straight out of high school.

We at *The Pacer* believe there are ways you can maximize the value of your undergraduate degree and make the best use of your time at UTM.

To start, some kind of "extracurricular" activity outside of class will always look good on your resume. Whether it's a social club, a Greek organization, etc., you can't go wrong with showing employers or grad school admissions offices that you did more than the bare minimum. Even better: hold a leadership position.

Second, look to find internship positions in your respective interest. For those of you seeking jobs right out of college, the biggest testament to potential employers is showing you have experience and legitimacy off campus.

Finally, and while this won't help you after college, it's never a bad idea to, you know, enjoy yourself.

Up to now, we've risked sounding like that general studies class you never wanted to take, but allow us to offer a sound bit of advice that should be the easiest to follow.

In a world of uncertainty for the post-undergrad student, the best and most sure-fire thing you can do now is to enjoy yourself. Make college last; we won't tell you that these are the best days of your life, but they could be. As much effort as we've put in to get here, we might as well kick back in moderation and let the good times roll.

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AMERICAN PARADISE

by Charles Brubaker



Illegal immigration and the Constitution of the United States

Sean Boers
Guest Columnist

Immigration is the latest of the solve-one-right-now problems to show up before an election.

Just as in elections prior, our magnanimous elected representatives are on camera crusading for (or against) immigrant rights – Latinos are, after all, the fastest-growing voting bloc in the country, and since our public servants are big proponents of job security, it is an idiotic move to ignore them.

Since I always trust musicians and actors to interpret the Constitution for me, I decided to look at a surprisingly common claim: the rights given in our Constitution apply to all people, not just citizens.

After all, the First Amendment says that the People have a right to speak, worship (or not worship), write, assemble, or petition how they want.

The Second Amendment says that the right of the People to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. The Fourth Amendment says that the People have a right to be secure in their homes, and so on and so forth – the word "People" appears throughout the document.

And "People" means... well, "people," right?

Now, a question: If these rights apply to all people, why can't non-citizens purchase firearms?

Did the word "people" take on a different meaning in these amendments?

The Fourteenth Amendment claims these same People shall be allowed to vote, provided they are "twenty-one years of age, and citizens of the United States."

What about the Fifteenth Amendment and subsequently the Nineteenth Amendment?

These guarantee the right of the citizen to vote, without discrimination regarding race

or sex.

Did we as a nation suddenly have a change of heart after 1868 and decide to extend constitutional privileges only to citizens?

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Is "the People" a double standard applied to either citizens or everybody, depending on what's being discussed?

Or is "the People" synonymous with "the citizenry?"

According to the first line of the Constitution, it's the last option.

The Preamble to the Constitution is pretty clear in its meaning – we, as Americans, intend to make a country, call it the United States, and make some laws. Suck it, England.

And when the Constitution is talking about the People, it's specifically referring to "We the People of the United States."

So to answer the initial question, non-citizens cannot purchase firearms because they are not a part of the "We the People of the United States" club.

"The People" didn't take on another meaning in that amendment, nor did it take on another meaning in any of the other amendments.

When the Constitution speaks of "the People," it's

clearly referring to citizens.

It should be noted that several rights are extended to "all persons."

This does not carry the implication of citizenship and does not mean that immigrants and tourists can be denied those rights.

This is generally why we send illegal immigrants to court before deporting them, as per the right of "all persons" to due process; being in this country illegally is a misdemeanor, and deportation is the punishment for that crime – and we generally don't hand out punishment without giving the accused their day in court.

No person is "illegal" that is true.

However, people do illegal things on occasion; one of those things is entering our country illegally. And doing illegal things is generally not the best way to be allowed into the "We the People of the United States" playhouse.

Courtesy and respect should be extended to all athletes

Alex Crowell
Guest Columnist

During my attendance at the Dresden High School Homecoming game this past Friday, Sept. 24, I witnessed something quite appalling.

At the beginning of the third quarter, a dedicated cheerleader for Dresden High School was plummeted head first into concrete while coming out of a stunt in which she was the flyer.

She was on the ground for about 20 or so minutes before an ambulance arrived to carry her away on a stretcher.

Despite all the commotion in the crowd, the game was never stopped and no announcement was ever made regarding the girl. Instead, the game went on and the announcer, grandfather of Dresden's quarterback, continued reading off plays as if nothing had happened.

I waited a good 15 minutes or more after she was carried away for them to mention

something about her over the speakers... nothing ever came.

That was when I decided to visit them in the announcement booth to see if they were going to mention anything regarding the fallen cheerleader.

Out of respect for her and her family, one would think they would at least announce to take a moment of silence to pray for her and show some kind of appreciation for her being there to cheer Dresden on in their outstanding victory against the Halls Tigers.

Upon opening the door to the booth, I first encountered a DMS staff member (a coach). I asked him if they were going to mention anything about the cheerleader who had fallen and he responded with, "Who was it?"

After more than 30 minutes had passed since the cheerleader had fallen to the ground, they did not even know which one of the cheerleaders it had been.

I went on to tell him who it

was who had fallen and asked again if they were going to make an announcement or anything in regard to this cheerleader. He was not sure so he directed me to a lady and her

never even crossed her mind.

She repeated my question to her father, who mumbled something, and then she turned to me and said that "they just did not have enough

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information at the time to say anything."

How much information do you need to make a simple announcement in regard to the cheerleader who just took

a head dive into the ground and is now on her way to the hospital?

Disappointed and in great disbelief, I returned to my seat on the bleachers. The cheerleaders had gone on to continue cheering with tears streaming down their faces. Even after the team and the town which they were cheering for had shown them no respect or appreciation for what they do, they still continued to get the crowd pepped up and encourage their team to keep demolishing the Tigers.

To spread the icing on the cake, with about seven minutes left in the fourth quarter, the Tigers' No. 16 went down and every one of the players on the field took a knee until the player hopped up and walked to the sidelines.

Now, one must ask, why was this appreciation and respect shown by the Dresden Lions football team to a player on the opposing team, but not to their fellow classmate, a cheerleader?

Did the announcer not want to distract his grandson and the cheerleader's boyfriend from mopping the field with the Tigers? I'm not so sure if that were the case it excuses the fact there was no announcement made regarding the cheerleader. After all, Dresden was defeating Halls 22-0 at the time she fell to the ground, and they went on to defeat them 40-13.

Would announcing her mishap and taking a moment to show her some respect have had such a devastating impact on the score of the game; and even so, is this any excuse to dismiss the fact that this human girl, who lay on the ground for approximately 20 minutes before being carried away in an ambulance, was denied sympathy, respect and appreciation from the team and the town for which she was cheering?

I think not.

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News

The gift of life



UTM student Benjamin Glenn donated blood last week during the UTM vs. MSU Blood Battle. (Pacer Photos/ Sherri Glenn)

Public Relations student to study in London

Erin Larkins
Pacer Writer

Instead of writing stories for *The Pacer's* sports section during the Spring 2011 semester, Josh Weiss will be having tea and crumpets in the United Kingdom.

Weiss, a senior Public Relations major, was accepted to be a part of the Public Relations student exchange between UTM and London Metropolitan University for the spring 2011 semester, an initiative Public Relations professor Dr. Jeff Hoyer has spearheaded.

"I am excited about the opportunity. I'm not nervous. I think I will make many friends in London," Weiss said.

Weiss was surprised when he was asked if he would like to spend the semester in London.

"I had walked into the Communications office to get a peppermint from Ms. Glenda [the Communications office secretary] and Dr. Hoyer asked me if I wanted to go to London for a semester. I said I would have to think about it. I walked into The Pacer office and just sat there. About five minutes later, I went and told Dr. Hoyer I would do it," Weiss said.

Hoyer chose Josh Weiss because he has senior standing and a GPA over a 3.0.



Dr. Jeff Hoyer (left) of the Department of Communications is working with Public Relations major Josh Weiss (right) to spend a semester studying at London Metropolitan University in the United Kingdom. (Pacer Photo/Kara Kidwell)

"The process of selection is finding a student who is of at least junior standing with a GPA of at least a 3.0 who wants to go," Hoyer said.

Weiss will spend the entire semester in London taking classes at London Metropolitan University. He will receive a class catalog from Dr. Jeff Hoyer and sit down with the International Studies department to figure out what classes to take that will transfer easily.

"I know I am going to take at least one Public Relations class and maybe some Marketing and possibly a Foreign Language. I plan on taking as few hours as

possible. I am going to take whatever the equivalent is to 12 hours at Martin," Weiss said.

Weiss will be able to register for his classes at UTM and will only pay UTM's tuition cost.

While in London, Weiss has the option to live on campus in the International Students dorm or could choose to live with a host family.

Though many students might be apprehensive about the thought of about being alone in a foreign city away from friends and family for a semester, Weiss said he is excited, not only about

exploring London but also about visiting other European cities close by, namely Rome, Italy.

"The only thing I am nervous about is being the first Public Relations student from UT Martin to spend the whole semester attending school in another country," Weiss said.

"Many cities, like Edinburgh, Scotland are just a train ride away. Not only will Josh be able to enjoy getting to know London but he can also visit so many other cities that are close by," Hoyer said.



Donn James talks on overspending

Brandy Hardy
Pacer Writer

Donn James told a UTM audience that he is running for Congress because, "frankly, I'm tired of voting for the lesser of the two evils."

James, the independent candidate for the 8th District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, visited UTM this past Thursday at 1 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium and held a Q&A session after the speech.

Ten minutes before he was scheduled to speak, James introduced himself to students as they walked in and learned a little about them through the introduction and made casual conversation with anyone interested.

James is not a career politician; in fact, this is his first attempt to run for political office. However, he said he has insight on the working man's woes and strifes. As a network engineer consultant, James' job is to find out what is wrong with a company and fix it. That is precisely what he wants to do with Congress.

"I want to be involved in the polarization that is happening in Washington, D.C.," said James. "We need to solve the problems of out-of-control spending. The economy needs fixed and we need to bring jobs back over here in West Tennessee."

"We need to change the way we elect our representatives," James added. "Money comes from special interest groups. We need to change the way Washington works."

The scope of government should be limited, James said, adding that he wants to work

for the betterment of America, not for political parties, hence the reason why he is labeled as an independent.

There were a number of questions being asked by a number of audience members. Dr. David Barber, professor of History, had some pressing stimulus related questions for James.

James replied to Barber saying that the goal of the stimulus package was to save jobs, but we have to borrow money from the tax payers in order to spend the money. He feels that we spend more and more money creating jobs and is a firm supporter for FairTax.

The statement he gave on his views of the 14th Amendment was a little anecdotal. "I traced my lineage to my ancestors and found out they emigrated from England to America in the 18th century," James said. There are always certain limitations to immigration; he did say that he believes that the immigration should be reformed to fit America's situation now rather than six decades ago.

He mentioned that there should be a timeline on illegal aliens in the U.S., and if they don't yield documentation by the end of the time given, deportation should be enforced.

James stood firm on his beliefs and did not bow to opposing beliefs. On the other hand, he did openly listen to those opinions and took them into consideration. He answered questions quickly without any fluff, filler politician words to make up for not knowing how to answer or retort back to a question or statement.

Climate change inevitable

Layton Scarborough
Pacer Writer

"Climate change will impact us all at one time or another," were the words of Herb Stonebrook, Energy Management Administrator for the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, when he spoke to students and faculty on September 23 about climate change and energy conservation.

He presented the audience with a wide range of information along with a challenge.

"I want to challenge you to learn about climate change and how it may affect you," Stonebrook said, adding that along with learning the affects of climate change, he also wants people to learn ways to conserve energy.

Stonebrook presented topics from the book, *Climate Change 2013: The Physical Science Basis* while passing out copies of its table of contents.

"Farming is a big part of Northwestern Tenn., we might have to modify the way we farm to adjust to climate change," Stonebrook said, stressing the fact that everything will be affected by the changing climate.

"You can tell a lot about

climate change without computer models, but if you want to start predicting temperature or rain fall you will need to use computer models," Stonebrook said. He described how far technology has gone to help us better predict the climate and it's changes.

Stonebrook, who works with and studies solar energy is currently overseeing a study on one Tenn. prison building, results of which could conserve energy in 64 prison facilities across the state.

The building is one of 64 identically built prison buildings in the state. Stonebrook is testing sustainable energy solutions in the facility that if successful could be implemented in the other buildings in the same way.

He is looking to install a geothermal heating system in the facility. He believes that this alone will solve most of the energy problems.

"The project is part of the answer to climate change."

"Green energy to me is using different ways to create electricity," Stonebrook said, he said he believes the answer is to avoid using fossil fuels for energy; wind, water, and solar were his alternatives.

News

Habitat

From Cover

dean of UTM's College of Engineering and Natural Sciences, will be supervising construction of the house. Helgeson said he used to be a contractor and house builder when he lived in California before moving to Martin in 1998. Since moving to Tennessee he has also become a licensed civil engineer, additional experience he can use in the project.

"As of now the partner family has just selected the floor plan for the house. Once I receive the floor plan I will draw up detailed house plans and put together a materials list for the house, and then Dr. Schommer will obtain bids from suppliers. We hope to begin the house by Saturday, October 16," Helgeson said.

Schommer said Habitat

is a completely volunteer-supported organization with no official membership. It operates with an all-volunteer board and hires site supervisors for construction. He said all people are welcome to build with Habitat for Humanity or help in other ways, such as fundraising.

"The amazing thing is that students can get involved simply by showing up. Students expect that it has to be harder than that, but it really isn't. We work just about every Saturday from 8 to 2. Students can work for as little or as long as they'd like. Volunteers are taught what jobs to do at the site," Schommer said.

Helgeson said there are plans to begin a special topics course in the next few weeks to meet Thursday evenings for

the remainder of the semester. The course is aimed at students interested in building for Habitat.

"I will teach the course, and it will cover general house design and construction, hopefully covering all aspects of building a house. The students will then help build the house on Saturday mornings," said Helgeson.

Kiraly said the next chapter meeting is 7 p.m. Oct. 19 in the UC.

"I encourage people that want to join and get involved in Habitat to come to this meeting," Kiraly said.

For more information on Habitat for Humanity or getting involved in the upcoming project, contact John Schommer at jschommer@utm.edu.

Immigration

From Cover

it protects immigrants in contrast to legal citizens.

"It's my understanding that some people are pulling out the 'within this jurisdiction' and saying that that's the place where the ambiguity would allow this law. Therefore, their rights are not the same, they do not get due process, and they are not protected from search and seizure," explained McCullough.

Larry Simmons brought up questions concerning the 14th Amendment's actual intent.

"The 14th Amendment was intended to be a springboard for the 15th Amendment, and it concentrated on slavery,

and that's documented. How can we possibly interpret it to illegal immigrants of America now?" asked Simmons.

Masengill took the turn.

"It's all in how you define illegal immigration. For the past 200 years, America has welcomed millions of Europeans. It's only now that other groups are coming in large numbers that we are wanting to close down the doors," said Masengill.

The focus shifted again to discuss possible solutions to the immigration problem. Identification cards, regardless of citizenship status, was one idea that the group seemed to

agree on the most.

The Dream Act was also mentioned during the debate, a proposed act that would allow an immigrant naturalization after living in the country a minimum of five years and completing two years in the military or two years at a four-year institution of higher learning.

"If we're identifying a group of people who are showing themselves as contributors, shouldn't we be able to put them on a path to citizenship?" said Malcolm Koch, executive director of the UTM Center for Global Studies.

Raccoons

From Cover

"There is no better way to gain important knowledge about this profession than by doing hands-on studies like this one," said Devin Parker, a Wildlife Biology student assisting with the research on this project.

"The raccoons on campus are of interest for several reasons," Pelren said. "They are quite abundant on and around campus, to the point of causing damage to buildings and other university property, and there are questions regarding diseases that they may be carrying."

Pelren has been using radio telemetry for the past 20 years and has conducted studies such as this one in the past. He also goes by the book in every aspect of the study in order to learn as much as possible about the animals.

"We have equipped 12 raccoons with radio transmitters, much like the radio collars used on dogs, so that we can determine their habitat associations and movement characteristics," Pelren said. "These collars do not endanger the animals; in fact, we follow strict guidelines

for the capture, care, and handling of mammals published by the American Society of Mammalogists."

There have been many advances in the equipment used for studies over the years and the collars present no real danger to the animals, making the project a safe experiment.

"These devices have become more effective and less obtrusive and cumbersome over the past several decades and are a tremendously helpful technological tool in wildlife research," Pelren said.

IN THEIR SHOES

A weekly walk in another's life experience

Resident adviser shares stories

Amanda Caudle
Pacer Writer

Imagine being a mother to a residence hall full of college students, making sure they don't have alcohol in their rooms and asking them to be quiet when they get rowdy. Now imagine being a peer to these students and having to do the same things.

Megan Keeler, a 21-year-old UTM Elementary Education major from Ashland City, Tenn., has experienced the struggles that come along with working as a UTM resident adviser.



Elementary Education major Megan Keeler is also a resident adviser and has worked as one for three years.

"We definitely have to put up with a lot. I've had guys yell at me when I asked them to not be so rowdy. We also have to deal with bizarre and embarrassing things," said Keeler, who has been an RA for three years.

"One time a girl came to my room in the middle of the night because a girl sleepwalked into her room. We ended up having to call the police because none of us could wake her up."

Keeler signed up to be an RA during the second semester of her freshman year, originally working in Cooper Hall; she has since worked on the first floor of Browning Hall.

"I was really nervous because I was the youngest of all the other RAs, but in the end I decided that age is just a number and that I could do it just as well as the others," Keeler said.

Keeler is responsible for changing bulletin boards on her floor, working at the Browning desk, and being on call certain days in the event that students lock themselves out of their rooms.

On top of work duties, RAs are still students and have to juggle job responsibilities with heavy course loads. Although

Keeler is well acclimated to this juggling act, it is still a struggle, she said.

"I'm taking 20 hours and this is my final semester of school. I also have to teach pre-K and kindergarten classes every week. If I didn't have a set schedule that I stuck to religiously I'd probably go insane," Keeler said.

Regardless of difficulties, RAs are compensated for their efforts with free room and board.

"We get a private bedroom and bathroom, which is paid for," Keeler said. "We also get paid biweekly and make really good friends with the other RAs and Browning employees."

To qualify for RA positions

at UTM, students must have a GPA of at least 2.3, have lived on campus for at least one semester, have no disciplinary marks on their record and take a semester-long class on being an RA.

Keeler doesn't regret being an RA.

"I don't think I would still be going to Martin if it weren't for me being an RA. I've met some of my closest friends through being one, so they're part of the reason why I stayed. This job is a great job to have while in college because they work around your schedule and are very understanding. It is also a great addition to a resume because it is considered a great form of leadership."

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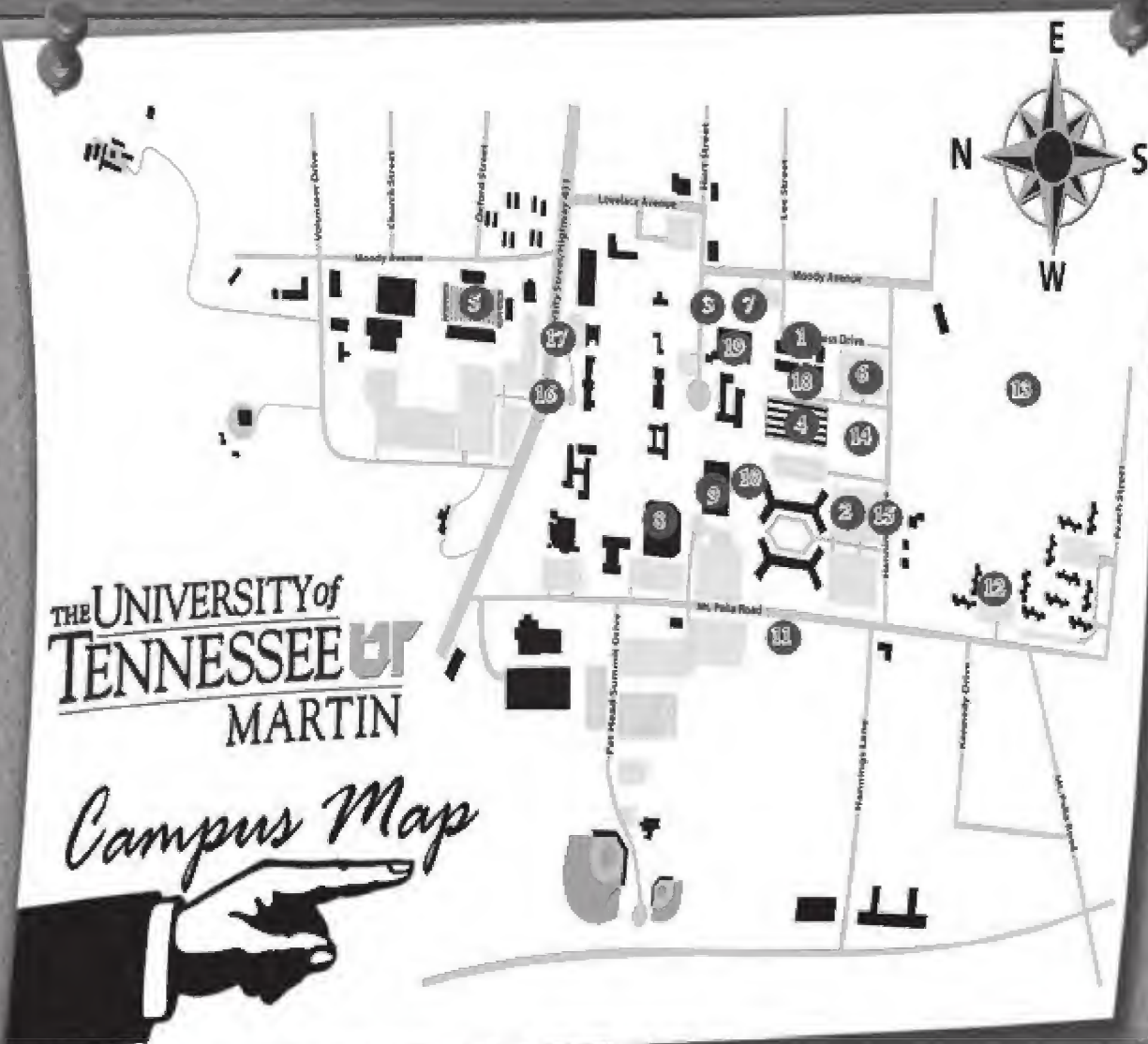
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- 12 9-22-10 AT 9:23 am-Univ Courts-A vehicle was towed due to an excessive amount of parking tickets.
- 13 9-22-10 at 10:54 pm-The Reserve Apts-Subject was issued a misdemeanor citation for violation of the drinking age law. (Gen Sessions Court)
- 14 9-22-10 at 11:54 pm-Lot 9 (UV Phase II)-Subject was referred for violation of the drinking age law.
- 15 9-23-10 at 1:49 am-Lot 7 (Ellington)-Four subjects were referred for violation of the drinking age law.
- 16 9-23-10 at 7:52 am-Univ Street-Subject issued a citation for a crosswalk violation. (City Court)
- 17 9-23-10 at 8:35 am-Univ Street-Subject issued a citation for a crosswalk violation (City Court) and no proof of insurance (Gen Sessions Court).
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Any students interested in writing stories for *The Pacer* are encouraged to attend *Pacer* meetings every Tuesday at 5 p.m. in Gooch 309. *The Pacer* welcomes students from all majors and any story ideas or suggestions, including feature stories, letters to the editor and editorials. Stories and story ideas can be submitted to thepacer@ut.martin.edu.

The Spirit Meetings

All writers and photographers, this year's *Spirit Magazine* meetings will be held Tuesdays at 4 p.m. in Room 313 in Gooch.

Fall Surplus Auction

The fall surplus auction scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 23rd, is now set for Saturday, Oct. 9th. Go to auctionzip.com enter zip code, click on date Oct. 9th and to view items being sold.

Lunch Box Theatre

The Department of Visual and Theatre Arts presents Lunch Box Theatre Wed. Sept. 29th in Gooch Hall in Room 216 from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m. Open and free to the public.

Sustainability Series

On Wednesday, Sept. 29, Dong Sterret, UTM Dept. of Engineering will be speaking An Open Discussion on Energy, Part 2.

Concert Series

The Department of Music presents its Concert Series Tues. Oct. 5th from 7:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. featuring the Faculty Showcase in Watkins Auditorium. For More Information: Elaine Harris 731-881-7411 elaineh@utm.edu Sherry Adams 731-881-7402 sadams@utm.edu. Open and free to the public.

Life

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SEQUEL SATISFACTION

BY SPENCER TAYLOR
& REGINA EMERY

is it easily
achieved?



Iron Man 2, releasing this week, is regarded in The Pacer office as being a strong sequel that to some of us rivals the first film. What follows is a short list of films that claim the same honor as *Iron Man 2*, and present a stronger second tour of duty. In some cases, however, some sequels would have been better if they just didn't happen.

yes...

the good sequels



X-Men 2

The first was fun, especially for fans of the comic. Unlike the debauchery of George Clooney's nipples in *Batman & Robin*, it told a larger-than-life tale without being over the top. In *X2*, Bryan Singer manages to widen the emotional spectrum of the X-Men franchise without compromising the action aspect of the film.

Ambitious, and it worked. We're introduced to Nightcrawler, and more importantly, the origins of the Phoenix. -Regina



Aliens

The first film (just 'Alien') has gone down as one of the greatest masterpieces of science fiction to ever grace the screen. Naturally, the crew involved in creating the sequel would be under intense pressure to reproduce greatness. Then-little known director James Cameron overcame the pressure and a staunch British filming

environment to give fans a memorable, quotable and all-around impressive film to sink our teeth into. The third film would be a great, albeit dark addition to the series before *Alien Resurrection* would begin a run of less-than-stellar *Alien vs. Predator* "films."

Game over, man! -Spencer



Spider-Man 2

As with every super hero, a traumatizing adolescence is essential in turning scrawny teens into vigilantes. Peter Parker was no different. But when you've got a plate as full as Spider-Man does—going to classes, fighting crime, sewing lycra body suits, wooing the elusive Mary Jane—it's easier to cut

the crap and get to the good stuff. Plus, this sequel boasts better visuals and action sequences.

(Spencer's note: *Spider-Man 2* is, in my opinion, an improvement over the first. Both films, however, end up being cancelled out by the craptacular *Spider-Man 3*.) -Regina

no...

the bad sequels



Godfather Pt. III

Look, this should be the least surprising film on our list. The first is widely considered to be one of the greatest films ever made ranking third in 'AFI's 100 Films of the Twentieth Century' and second in IMDb's Top 250 (Part II taking thirty second and third, respectively). Number three? It looked a lot like

'number two.' Confusing and immature bathroom jokes aside, Part III won't be the worst film you've ever seen by any means but sticking it a boxed set with the first two films is like buying a Three Stooges comedy pack but a third of the episodes have Curly Joe in them or are in color. -Spencer



Star Wars Episodes I-III

This one's tricky. As anyone with any knowledge of Star Wars could tell you, Episodes I-III are prequels to the "original" Star Wars Episodes IV-VI. But for the sake of this feature, we'll consider them "chronological" sequels. So why do they pale in comparison? First, the visuals. True, they are much better in the newer

ones but they take away from the plot. When you're too busy "ooo"-ing and "aww"-ing, you forget what the saga is about. Second, the target audience. Where the originals appealed to everyone aged between eight and eighty, the newer ones seemed to be geared towards second graders. Third, Jar Jar Binks. Enough said. -Regina



Conan the Destroyer

Conan the Barbarian, one of the coolest and least-lame Schwarzenegger films to come out of the 80's, was incredible in story-telling, set design and action photography. The second? Imagine listening to one of UTM's musicians blow your mind in a piano recital and then coming home to hear your inebriated roommate vom-

iting all over your bathroom. At least THEY won't remember it in the morning, a strategy Conan fans use after seeing *Destroyer*. -Spencer

2011 Travel study opportunities

BY RANDY CAVIN
NEWS EDITOR

The Center for International Education has announced the 2010-11 travel-study schedule with many opportunities for students to see places such as Egypt, Italy, Germany, Japan, the Mediterranean and many domestic locations.

One thing that students may not be aware of is that there is funding available for these trips, all a student has to do is apply for it. For domestic travel-study programs, students can get up to \$250. For international travel-study programs up to \$600 is available with the Center of International Education awarding \$100. For Study-

Abroad Programs of three weeks or longer, \$750 is available.

Any full-time undergraduate, graduate, or TIEP student who enrolls in a travel-study or study-abroad program approved by the Travel-Study Scholarship Committee can apply for these funds. The committee will consider the following criteria when making awards:

Every semester a student is enrolled pays a \$5 fee to the SGA Scholarship Fund. Dr. Malcolm Koch, the Interim Director of the Center for International Education, said this is something students voted on and approved.

"People who go on these travel-study programs are eligible to receive these scholarships. It doesn't fully cover the cost, but it helps. Students are supposed to sign up for these programs well in advance and sometimes the departments of their major have money," Koch said. "We work pretty hard to keep the cost of these programs down."

Last school year saw a increase in the number of students taking advantage of the travel-study programs and the number should continue to increase this year. Last year the Center saw a 38 percent increase.

"The number of students that are traveling is

increasing and the number of programs is increasing," Koch said. "We are going to be getting more money through the SGA in the future for this simply because of the demand has increased."

UTM is unique in a way that it is one of the few small colleges in the country that offers travel-study programs.

"To me this is a real plus for our school. There are similar schools our size and larger that does not have the diversity of programs that we have," Koch said.

The Center is not only experienced with coordinating these travel-study trips, they are also able

to save students money with travel expenses. They have their own travel consultant in Mike Sudzum.

"We have our own in-house travel agent who is very experienced in this, Mike does a great job," Koch said. "The bottom line is he is so experienced that he gets the classic value for the money. So these trips are very well priced."

One thing that Sudzum does to help students save money is with the home-stay for some travel-study programs. It not only saves the students money, it gives them a better chance to soak in the culture.

"It gives them an idea of the culture by living

with a family and speaking the language, eating the food and it gives them a completely different outlook versus staying at a hotel," Sudzum said.

The Center has three new trips planned for May in Greece, May in Old England and June in Australia/New Zealand.

The first travel-study program is scheduled for a trip to Chicago Oct. 22-26, and another one to Colorado the week of Oct. 22-Nov. 3. Applications can be picked up at the Center for International Education in 124 Gooch Hall. For more information, contact the Center for International Education at 881-1023.

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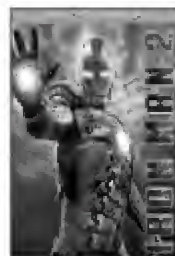
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Sports

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Racers manhandle flightless Skyhawks

Athletic Communications

For the first time in five years, The University of Tennessee at Martin football team lost to arch-rival Murray State. The host Racers scored 42 first-half points and never looked back en route to the convincing 52-16 victory.

"This loss is a combination of a lot of things, UTM Martin head coach Jason Simpson said. "The bottom line is they just beat us. They did a great job. Take your hats off to (first-year head coach) Chris (Hatcher) and his staff. Murray State dominated the game."

Despite fumbling on the opening kickoff the Racers dominated every aspect of the Ohio Valley Conference game. The Racers outgained the Skyhawks 325-152 in the first half.

Coming into the game the Racers were averaging 21 yards of rushing a game which ranked them ninth in the OVC and 117th in the nation.

"They blocked us and we didn't tackle," Simpson said.

Murray State led 21-0 before the Skyhawks could get on the scoreboard. Senior Bryant Milligan caught a 14-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Derek Carr with 3:34 to play in the first quarter. It was Bryant's first touchdown of the year and Carr's second TD pass of the year.

The Skyhawks scored just before the half when freshman Dean Wathen blocked a punt and senior Erik Daniel recovered the loose ball in the end



The Racers dominated the Skyhawks in every facet of Saturday's game, scoring 42 first-half points and outgaining them 443 yards to 291. MSU's rushing offense came into the contest ranked 117th in the country, averaging just 21 yards a game. However, the Racers torched UTM for 211 yards on the ground on their way to MSU's first win over the Skyhawks in five years.

zone, Murray State led at the break, 42-14.

"That's about the only positive thing that came out of the night," Simpson said. "It's good to see Dean (Wathen), a true freshman, make a play and try to give us a spark."

The Skyhawk defense shut down the Racers in the third quarter and only gave up 32 yards of offense and a 36-

yard field goal. Wathen blocked his second punt of the game in the third quarter, but this time, the Skyhawks settled for a safety when Aaron Carney tackled Murray State's Arlester McKinnon in the end zone.

Murray State added a touchdown early in the fourth quarter to make the score 52-16. The Racers gained 76 yards of total offense in the final

quarter, while the Skyhawks mustered 71 yards.

"The bottom line was we put up some big numbers against Murray State the last four years and turnaround is fair play," Simpson said. UTM Martin won the last four games against Murray State by a combined score of 219-110. "We got our share tonight."

Freshman golfer Harbin looks to make waves in first semester at UTM

Sam Hinson
Pacer Writer

What does it take to make it in collegiate golf? Just ask freshman golfer Clay Harbin.

Born just down the road in Jackson, Tenn., to Jeff and Marian Harbin, Clay knows exactly what it takes to perform at the top level. From the age of 6 and under the watchful eye of his father, Clay has been developing the skills and the love for the game that would propel him to the top.

"I like the variation in golf courses and the challenge that each one has," when asked why he plays golf.

Clay had a very impressive and busy junior golf career.



He competed on many tours and collected a few wins. The AJGA, USJGT, TGA, AAJGT, PJGT and the Arrow Head JGT are a few of the tours that saw Clay and his elite game, with some notable wins coming on the PJGT in St. Louis and the AAJGT in Georgia, not to mention several wins on the TGA tour.

"Winning some of those tournaments gave me the confidence I needed coming into my college career," Harbin said.

Clay was also a member of his USJ high school team which competed in the state tournament and finished 2nd twice.

"I had a lot of fun in high school golf, I'm sad that it's over but I am

really looking forward to college golf," Harbin said. "I'm really looking forward to the equally skilled golfers and the challenging courses that we play."

When asked about how he's adjusting to college he said, "I love college so far, I really love the independence, freedom and responsibility that I have."

Clay is hoping to learn a lot from UTM's golf coach Jerry Carpenter.

"I really like coach Carpenter, he's the most organized man I have ever met and really seems to care about his golfers and their school work," Harbin said.

With his lowest score at 61, Clay is hoping to have similar scores like that this year and in the years to come.

Volleyball continues trend, drops ninth straight match

Jonathan Crawley
Pacer Writer

Skyhawks came up short in two tough battles on Wednesday Sept. 22, against The Murray State Racers and again on Friday Sept. 24 against SIU Edwardsville.

In set one against the Racers, UTM hit the ball out four times to give Murray a quick lead at 4-0. The score became 9-0 before the Skyhawks rebounded with two quick scores of their own as they slowly began to warm up. The Skyhawks gave up a multitude of points without the Racers having to really work for it. Montague and Kragt both had ferocious kills towards the end of the set followed by another by Montague. Unfortunately, it was not enough for the Skyhawks to rebound in the set as the Racers took it 25-10.

Murray opened with the first kill of the second set. UTM then gave the Racers two more by knocking the ball out twice in a row. Wilburn ended the streak with a kill and started the Skyhawks on a war path in the second set they marched

every point the Racers could get. The game became tied at 8-8 when the Skyhawks finally began to pull away at 12-8. They maintain a decent lead throughout the rest of the set and took it at 25-20.

The third set was equally as competitive but unfortunately did not end as promisingly as the second as the Racers took it at 25-18.

"We just have to quit beating ourselves... A lot of their points came from our errors and that's the way it's been a lot this year."

Darrin McClure

UTM HEAD VOLLEYBALL COACH

The fourth set started good as Montague opened with a kill but the errors remained against the skyhawks as a service error tied it up at 1-1. The Skyhawks had the lead multiple times in this set but a service error unfortunately was the final seal for them to as the Racers took the set 25-20 and the game at 3-1.

The Skyhawks were led by made 20 attack errors,

11 service errors and nine receiving errors for a total of 40 errors in this game.

Jenna Miller had 38 assists and 13 digs, Lauren Montague had 15 kills and 11 digs and in the match and Kasey Elswick had 27 digs.

Redman opened the first set against SIU Edwardsville with a ferocious kill to set the tone while SIU countered with a

barrel as UTM made them work for their progress. The match was back and forth until the end. UTM took the lead one final time towards the end of the match at 19-18 before SIU stepped up their offense and took the set 25-22.

The third set was controlled by the Skyhawk offense as they all stepped up and took turns scoring on the Cougars throughout the match and the Skyhawks looked like they came to play in this set. The offense was clicking and there was nothing the Cougars could do to stop it. Skyhawks took the set 25-16.

The fourth set went down to the wire. It was a war with both teams fighting, one to end the game and the other to survive and push for a fifth set. Sadly enough the effort was not quite enough as the Cougars slip out with the match at 25-23. Taking the victory three games to one.

Montague had 20 kills, her second highest tally of the season, and a .347 hitting percentage, while Jenna Miller had 41 assists and 10 digs.

Coch McClure said what

he feels the team can and have been doing to lower the amount of errors in game play and what could motivate the team to play hard the entire game when he said, "We've been putting ourselves in game-like situations at practice."

"We just have to get through it. We're getting there and we're so close, but we just quit haven't gotten there yet. I told the girls in the huddle that we can't give a team a game and say okay we're going to warm up. You can have this game and we'll come back and play better in game two. We can't do that," said McClure.

"We have to come out strong and that motivation has got to come from them. I can tell them what we need to do all day long and how we need to approach the game. We just have to quit beating ourselves. We beat ourselves so much if you think a point here and a point there. It would be a completely different game. A lot of their points came from our errors and that's the way it's been a lot this year. We've just got to keep playing."



FCA to
sponsor
"Fields
of Faith"
event at
UTM

Josh Weiss
Sports Editor

The UTM chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes will sponsor its first annual "Fields of Faith" event at UTM on Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. in Hardy M. Graham Stadium.

FCA is the largest Christian sports organization in America with over 1.4 million students attending FCA events in 2009 alone and was started on UTM's campus in 2008 by a number of UTM students both athlete and non-athlete alike.

FCA currently meets for "fun, food and fellowship" every Monday night in the Luerfaith Building at 7:45 p.m.

The "Fields of Faith" event is the first of its kind at UTM and has the potential to become a yearly tradition on campus.

The event will feature numerous forms of entertainment to suit anyone in attendance.

There will be live music, an eclectic mix of both Christian and contemporary favorites, Memphis' Bellevue Baptist Church's Senior Pastor and former UTM football player Steve Gaines as the guest speaker for the event and free food, including hamburgers and hot dogs, provided.

Admission is free to anyone, students, community members and everyone in between, and the first 100 UTM students will receive a free "Fields of Faith" T-shirt.

"This is an avenue in which we can share the love of Jesus Christ relationally in a 'non-churchy,' non-religious atmosphere," said UTM baseball player and FCA President Cody Terry.

So, FCA urges all students, not just athletes, to come out to this unprecedented event. At the very least, it's a free hamburger, and it could be much more.

All in all, FCA member Justin Owens puts it best, saying, "Free food and free T-shirts! What else do you want?"